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TO AMBASSADOR FOR MOOSE FROM CLARK

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: SFRC MARKUP

1. SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE HELD MARKUP SESSION
ON STATE AUTHORIZATION BILL TODAY. SENATOR PERCY'S AMEND-
MENT ON STATE-USIA REORGANIZATION WAS SUBSTANTIALLY ALTERED,
AND APPROVED BY COMMITTEE.

2. YOU WILL RECALL THAT, AS SUBMITTED BY PERCY, AMENDMENT
WOULD LIST "FINDINGS" BY CONGRESS THAT (A) THERE IS A
DISTINCTION BETWEEN POLICY ARTICULATION AND CULTURAL
ACTIVITIES; (B) POLICY ARTICULATION SHOULD BE IN STATE;
(C) CU AND USIA CULTURAL ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE IN A SINGLE
AGENCY; (D) VOA'S ROLE AS BOTH NEWS SOURCE AND CULTURAL
ACTIVITY CAN BE RECONCILED IF VOA IS REESTABLISHED AS
SEPARATE AGENCY; AND (E) VOA SHOULD HAVE INCREASED
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FACILITIES, IN MORE LANGUAGES. AMENDMENT CALLED ON PRESI-
DENT TO TRANSMIT TO SFRC AND HIRC BY 9/30/77 A REORGANIZA-
TION PLAN "IN COMPLIANCE" WITH FINDINGS.

3. IN COMMITTEE DISCUSSION, MAIN ISSUE WAS VOA, AS PERCY
CITED LIST OF EXAMPLES OF STATE PRESSURE ON VOA NEWS COVER-
AGE. CHURCH (WITH SPARKMAN'S PROXY) AND HUMPHREY DIFFERED,

SAYING ADMINISTRATION SHOULD BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT

REORGANIZATION PLAN. JAVITS PROPOSED AMENDMENT CALLING
ON PRESIDENT TO "TAKE ACCOUNT" (ONLY) OF EARLIER REPORTS
BY STANTON AND MURPHY.

4. AS FINALLY ADOPTED BY COMMITTEE LATE MAY 10: (A)
AMENDMENT NOTES "FINDINGS" (PARA 2 ABOVE), WITH EXCEP-
TION THAT VOA'S REESTABLISHMENT AS SEPARATE AGENCY
DELETED; (B) PRESIDENT HAS UNTIL OCTOBER 30 TO TRANSMIT
A PLAN; (C) PLAN SHOULD "TAKE ACCOUNT" OF REPORTS BY
STANTON, MURPHY, GAO AND US ADVISORY COMMISSION ON
INFORMATION. (LAST NAMED REPORT APPEARED MAY 9, AND
CALLS FOR DEFERRAL OF DECISION ON USIA UNTIL DECISIONS
ARE MADE ON "HOW TO REORGANIZE ENTIRE FOREIGN POLICY
COMMUNITY." NOTEWORTHY IS FACT THAT THREE OF FIVE
SIGNERS OF THIS REPORT WERE STANTON PANEL MEMBERS, AND
HAVE CHANGED MINDS.)

5. COMMENT: AS FINALLY ADOPTED, AMENDMENT SHOULD NOT
PRESENT PROBLEMS, AS IT DOES NOT PRE-JUDGE RESULT OF
PRESIDENT'S CONSIDERATION OF STATE-USIA REORGANIZATION. CHRISTOPHER

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